ment for stepping up the trade turnover between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, during the course of the recent visit to India by a Vietnamese delegation led by their Deputy Minister of Commerce, discussions were held between the two sides. One of the aspects discussed related to the need to take necessary measures to enhance the trade turnover between the two countries.

Strategy enabling India in increasing competitiveness in World Market

1791. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to adopt a new strategy for enabling India to become competitive in the world market; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) A series of trade policy reforms have been initiated by the Government for increasing export competitiveness in world markets, notably provision of export-linked imports at near international prices and reduction of import licensing.

Setting up of working group panel for Intellectual Property Rights

1792. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Working Group Panel has recently been set up for the Intellectual Property Rights rationalisation; harmonisation and modernisation as reportedly disclosed by Mr. MIHALY FICSOR, the D. G. of World Intellectual Property Rights Organisation as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 10th November, 1994;

(b) what is the purpose/major task before this Group and in what manner co-ordination of the legislations in different countries relating to IPRs especially in Trade Related Intellectual Rights would be achieved;

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard and to the reported *suggestion of Mr. FICSOR urging India* to become a signatory to the Paris convention; and

(d) in what manner the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) and Madrid Conventions would help Indian inventors and the owner of trade mark in getting the inventions/trade marks patented world-wide in a simple, transparent, efficient and economic way; details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) In the context of agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of the GATT Agreement and in order to establish a mutually supportive relationship between the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the General Assembly of WIPO, in its meetings, held between September 26 to October 4, 1944 decided to establish an adhoc working group open to all Member states of WIPO :—

(i) to advise and co-operate with the Director General of WIPO in his contacts with the competent organs of GATT/WTO;

(ii) to discuss matters concerning possible co-operation between WIPO and WTO; and

(iii) to consider the establishment of an adhoc informal WIPO/GATT-WTO Consultation Group on all matters concering possible co-operation between WIPO and WTO.

(c) On some occasions in the past, the World Intellectual Property Organisation have pointed out the advantages which would be available to India on acceeding to the Paris Convention. However, no decisions have been taken on this issue.

(d) Does not arise as membership of the Paris convention is a prerequisite for joining the PCT and the Madrid Agreement.

Export Intensive Area Sub-Plan Scheme

1793. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop export intensive area sub-plan scheme in the non-metropolitan centres having export potential;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places that will be developed in Tamil Nadu under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to develop Export Intensive Areas Sub-Plan Scheme for drawing-up short term plans of assistance to upgrade infrastructural facilities.

(b) The Export Intensive Areas Sub-Plan Scheme proposal envisages measures to remove bottlenecks in the export effort in important export production centres depending on the requirement of the Centre concerned. It is proposed to co-ordinate with State Governments to remove such infrastructural bottlenecks. The proposal has been sent to planning Commission for consideration.

(c) Presently a proposal for Tirupur is under consideration.

Import Conditions on Seafood

1794. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Community Countries have issued new import conditions for Indian seafoods ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to face this new situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The Council of the European Community has issued a directive in July, 1991 laying down conditions and procedures governing import of marine products from third countries including India. This Directive will come into effect on 1st January, 1995 at the end of the transitional period.

(b) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Export Inspection Agency (EIA) have supplied detailed information regarding quality requirements of the European Union to the expecting community. A list of Indian processing plants has been transmitted to the European Union as required and their experts invited for assessing inspection and quality procedures in India. A notification has also been issued in November, 1994 under the Export Control Inspection Act requiring compliance by the industry to standards prescribed in the EC directive.

मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्त लौह-अयस्क का निर्यात

1795. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रति वर्ष मध्य प्रदेश से लौह-अयस्क की कितनी मात्रा प्राप्त करके निर्यात की गई ;

(ख) क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान लौह-अयस्क की अधिप्राप्ति और निर्यात में तीव्रता से गिरावट आयी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार ने लौह-अयस्क के निर्यात में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्त किए गए और निर्यात किए गए लौह-अयस्क की मात्रा निम्नानुसार रही :—

(मात्रा : लाख मी० टन)

वर्ष	निर्यात हेतु मध्य प्रदेश से प्राप्ति	विजागपत्तन के जरिए मध्य प्रदेश मूल के लौह-अयस्क का निर्यात
1991-92	52.44	50.44
1992-93	43.14	39.55
1993-94	43.23	41.58

(ख) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश मूल के लौह-अयस्क की प्राप्ति तथा निर्यात में गिरावट मूल रूप से विजाग स्टील प्लाट तथा स्पंज/कच्चे लोहे के उत्पादकों की अधिक मांग के फलस्वरूप निर्यात हेतु बैलाडीला अयस्क की कम बेशी उपलब्धता के कारण आयी ।

Period for Initiating Anti-Dumping Investigations

1796. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has cut short the period for initiating anti-dumping investigations and pronouncement of the final order ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most anti-dumping cases, Indian industry is either not well-versed with the rules and regulations or submit incomplete information ;

(d) if so, how Government propose to overcome this ;

(e) whether Government have, at any stage, considered the repercussions of anti-dumping measures on the domestic producers as well as importers ; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof ?